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BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 298)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the disposal of dead animal bodies by
2 persons practicing veterinary medicine.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 167.18, Code 2009, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 167.18 DUTY TO DISPOSE OF DEAD BODIES.
1 4 1. A person who has been caring for or who owns an animal
1 5 that has died shall not allow the carcass to lie about the
1 6 person's premises. The carcass shall be disposed of within
1 7 ~~twenty-four hours~~ a reasonable time after death by cooking,
1 8 burying, or burning, as provided in this chapter, or by
1 9 disposing of it, within the allowed time, to a person licensed
1 10 to dispose of it.
1 11 2. Subsection 1 does not apply to a veterinarian, issued a
1 12 valid license or a valid temporary permit by the Iowa board of
1 13 veterinary medicine as provided in chapter 169, who contains a
1 14 dead animal's carcass in a manner that prevents an outbreak of
1 15 disease.

EXPLANATION

1 16 This bill amends provisions that require that a person who
1 17 owns or cares for an animal dispose of the carcass within 24
1 18 hours after death (Code section 167.18). The bill provides
1 19 that instead the disposal must occur within a reasonable time.
1 20 The bill also provides an exception for a person who has been
1 21 issued a license or temporary permit by the board of
1 22 veterinary medicine. The licensee or permit holder is
1 23 required to contain the dead animal's carcass in a manner that
1 24 prevents an outbreak of disease.
1 25 A person who violates the Code section's prohibition is
1 26 guilty of a simple misdemeanor or alternatively is subject to
1 27 a civil penalty of between \$100 and \$1,000. A simple
1 28 misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than 30
1 29 days or a fine of at least \$65 but not more than \$625 or by
1 30 both.
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